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<b>Protect, Restore, and Manage Wetlands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wetlands are protected, restored and managed.</li> <li>Local governments and other parties are assisted in carrying out local wetland protection efforts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counties and cities adopt wetland ordinances based on best available science</li> <li>Provide technical assistance to local governments on wetland management.</li> <li>Develop guidance and training for local governments and others implementing wetland management actions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of draft Critical Area Ordinances reviewed and commented on by SEA staff.</li> <li>Number and acreage of wetland banks approved or under review</li> <li>Percent of participants in training classes that rate the training as useful.</li> <li>Number of trainings and presentations to stakeholders on wetland management.</li> </ul>
<b>Protect and manage shorelines in partnership with local governments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shorelines of the state are protected, restored and managed consistent with state and local laws.</li> <li>Coastal and shoreline decision-making is improved by increasing the knowledge, skills and abilities of local, tribal and state planners and resource managers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide funding to support local Shoreline Master Program (SMP) updates and meet the adoption schedule set forth in the Shoreline Management Act.</li> <li>Provide technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities to local planners and resource managers, by hosting: Coastal Training Program Workshops (CTP); Coastal Planners Groups (CPG); Early Adopter Coordination (EAC) Meetings; Planner Conference (PAW &amp; APA) sessions; and training workshops.</li> <li>Provide web-based guidance for shoreline planning and permitting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of communities receiving SMP grants funds.</li> <li>Percentage of the state's communities (cities/counties) submitting updated SMPs.</li> <li>Percentage of the state's shorelines that are protected by updated SMPs.</li> <li>Percent of CTP workshop participants with favorable evaluations of training.</li> <li>Number of participants at CPG, EAC, planner conference sessions, and other trainings.</li> <li>Number of non-Ecology visitors to the Coastal Atlas web site.</li> </ul>

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<b>Provide streamlined project permitting for transportation projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect the State's water quality according to Ecology's regulations</li> <li>Review and certify State Transportation projects within both WSDOT and Ecology's timeline.</li> <li>Review and certify State Transportation projects in an efficient, consistent, and thorough manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue project decisions within an agreed-upon timeframe.</li> <li>Conduct site visits on transportation liaison projects and review all relevant documents in order to ensure environmental compliance.</li> <li>Communicate certification conditions and/or regulatory requirements to WSDOT.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percent of project decision documents that are completed within agreed-upon timeframe.</li> <li>Percent of transportation liaison projects that receive a site visit.</li> <li>Percent of projects with pre-Joint Aquatic Resource Application (JARPA) coordination.</li> </ul>
<b>Provide technical and financial assistance to Local Governments to Reduce Flood Hazards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flood damages to people, property, and the environment are minimized</li> <li>Floodplain functions and values are protected and enhanced</li> <li>Floodplain ordinances compliment other land use regulations</li> <li>Floodplains are better managed using best available information</li> </ul>	<p><i>State/Federal Regulatory Assistance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate local government efforts towards flood hazard reduction with direct support</li> </ul> <p><i>Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heighten local government capabilities and Public Awareness on Flood Hazards with grant funding</li> </ul> <p><i>Flood Map Modernization</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve local government capabilities and public awareness on flood hazard areas with improved maps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percent of flood-prone communities receiving direct support on regulatory issues, flood hazard reduction, and the protection of floodplain functions and values.</li> <li>Percent of flood-prone communities with Frequently Flooded Area Ordinances and adequate standards for reducing flood hazards.</li> <li>Percent of FCAAP Grantees receiving guidance on applications and/or direct support for projects and plans</li> <li>Percent of communities receiving improved flood hazard maps.</li> </ul>

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<b>Provide technical training, education, and research through Padilla Bay Estuarine Reserve</b>	<p>Padilla Bay Reserve is managed to enable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estuarine and coastal resources are enhanced and protected using appropriate data and methods.</li> <li>• Resource managers and coastal decision-makers receive and utilize need-based, high-priority technical information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, fund, and implement the Coastal Training Program throughout Western Washington with our target audience (local, state and tribal planners and decision-makers).</li> <li>• Move coastal research and monitoring data into accessible formats.</li> <li>• Implement on-site estuary and watershed education programs for school children throughout NW Washington State</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of professional training workshops.</li> <li>• Percent of workshop participants that favorably evaluate workshops.</li> <li>• Percent of Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve studies and monitoring data available on-line.</li> <li>• Number of educational programs for school children and number of participants</li> </ul>
<b>Provide technical and financial assistance for local watershed planning and implementation</b>	<p>Strategies for managing water supply to meet future instream and out of stream needs are developed and implemented on a local watershed basis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide funding and technical assistance to local watershed planning groups.</li> <li>• Participate with appropriate state, federal and local agencies, tribes and stakeholders to help solve water issues in local communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of watersheds where new instream flow or water management rules are adopted.</li> </ul>
<b>Restore watersheds by supporting community-based projects with the Washington</b>	<p>Washington Conservation Corps carries out conservation and emergency response related projects in support of local communities, and provides valuable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acres of critical salmon habitat restored.</li> <li>• Number of young adults given formal training, valuable on the job experience with natural resource agencies, and future</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of rooted stock plants planted.</li> <li>• Number of in-stream barriers removed.</li> <li>• Number of in-stream structures placed.</li> <li>• Linear feet of exclusion fencing constructed.</li> <li>• Percent of Washington Conservation</li> </ul>

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<b>Conservation Corps</b>	educational and work experiences.	scholarship/educational funding.	Corps members completing one-year program and earning the educational award.
<b>Protect water quality by reviewing and conditioning projects to ensure they meet state water quality standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and certify projects to protect water quality, habitat and aquatic life.</li> <li>Review and certify projects in a timely, efficient, consistent, and thorough manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to applicants when an application is received.</li> <li>Issue permits quickly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percent of applicants notified within 14 calendar days (10 working days) when a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) is received.</li> <li>Percent of routine 401 water quality certifications issued within 90 days.</li> </ul>
<b>Provide technical assistance on State Environmental Policy Act review.</b>	The environmental review process in the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is used to effectively mitigate environmental impacts, minimize development costs and provide public input into the process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide technical assistance and education on procedures and use of SEPA to government staff and other interested parties.</li> <li>Provide a list of current SEPA documents through the Internet SEPA Register to assist the public in identifying new proposals throughout the state.</li> <li>Conduct Ecology staff review and comment on SEPA documents at the regional office level, where there is greatest knowledge of projects and potential impacts.</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of SEPA workshops.</li> <li>Number of SEPA assistance actions.</li> </ul>

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<b>Provide regulatory assistance for significant projects and small business</b>	Increase service and efficiencies in permit processing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help applicants understand environmental permitting requirements by providing web, telephone, and drop-in visitor service at the Office of Regulatory Assistance One-Stop Service Center.</li> <li>• Regulatory assistance specialists help applicants of major projects by coordinating environmental permit review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of applicants provided permit assistance information by Office of Regulatory Assistance One-Stop Service Center.</li> <li>• Number of major projects managed through cost-reimbursement and interagency reimbursement agreements.</li> </ul>